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The TATLER.

By *Iſaac Bickerſtaff* Eſq;

—— *Nugis addere Pondus.* H.

From *Thurſday Auguſt* 24. to *Saturday Auguſt* 26. 1710.

From my own Apartment, Auguſt 25.

NATURE is full of Wonders; every Atom is a ſtanding Miracle, and endowed with ſuch Qualities, as could not be impreſſed on it by a Power and Wiſdom leſs than Infinite. For this Reaſon, I would not diſcourage any Searches that are made into the moſt minute and trivial Parts of the Creation. However, ſince the World abounds in the nobleſt Fields of Speculation, it is, methinks, the Mark of a little Genius to be wholly converſant among Inſects, Reptiles, Animalcules, and thoſe trifling Rarities that furniſh out the Apartment of a Virtuoſo.

There are ſome Men whoſe Heads are ſo oddly turned this Way, that tho' they are utter Strangers to the common Occurrences of Life, they are able to diſcover the Sex of a Cockle, or deſcribe the Generation of a Mite, in all its Circumſtances. They are ſo little verſed in the World, that they ſcarce know a Horſe from an Ox; but at the ſame Time will tell you, with a great deal of Gravity, That a Flea is a Rhinoceros, and a Snail an Hermaphrodite. I have known one of theſe whimſical Philoſophers who has ſet a greater Value upon a Collection of Spiders than he would upon a Flock of Sheep, and has ſold his Coat off his Back to purchaſe a Tarantula.

I would not have a Scholar wholly unacquainted with theſe Secrets and Curioſities of Nature; but certainly the Mind of Man, that is capable of ſo much higher Contemplations, ſhould not be altogether fixed upon ſuch mean and diſproportioned Objects. Obſervations of this Kind are apt to alienate us too much from the Knowledge of the World, and to make us ſerious upon Triſles, by which Means they expoſe Philoſophy to the Ridicule of the Witty, and Contempt of the Ignorant. In ſhort, Studies of this Nature ſhould be the Diverſions, Relaxations, and Amuſements; not the Care, Buſineſs, and Concern of Life.

It is indeed wonderful to conſider, that there ſhould be a Sort of learned Men who are wholly employed in gathering together the Refuſe of Nature, if I may call it ſo, and hoarding up in their Cheſts and Cabinets ſuch Creatures as others induſtriouſly avoid the Sight of. One does not know how to mention ſome of the moſt precious Parts of their Treaſure, without a Kind of an Apology for it. I have been ſhown a Beetle valued at 20 Crowns, and a Toad at an Hundred: But we muſt take this for a general Rule, That whatever appears trivial or obſcene in the common Notions of the World, looks grave and philoſophical in the Eye of a Virtuoſo.

To ſhow this Humour in its Perfection, I ſhall preſent my Reader with the Legacy of a certain Virtuoſo, who laid out a conſiderable Eſtate in natural Rarities and Curioſities, which upon his Death-Bed he bequeathed to his Relations and Friends in the following Words:

The Will of a Virtuoſo.

I *Nicholas Gimcrack* being in ſound Health of Mind, but in great Weakneſs of Body, do by this my Laſt Will and Teſtament beſtow my Worldly Goods and Chattels in Manner following:

Imprimis, To my dear Wife,
One Box of Butterflies,
One Drawer of Shells,
A Female Skeleton,
A dried Cockatrice.

Item, To my Daughter *Elizabeth*,
My Receipt for preſerving dead Caterpillars.
As alſo my Preparations of Winter *May*-Dew, and Embrio Pickle.

Item, To my little Daughter *Fanny*,
Three Crocodile's Eggs.
And upon the Birth of her Firſt Child, if ſhe marries with her Mother's Conſent,
The Neſt of an Humming-Bird.

Item, To my eldeſt Brother, as an Acknowledgment for the Lands he has veſted in my Son *Charles*, I bequeath
My laſt Year's Collection of Graſhoppers.

Item,

Item, To his Daughter *Suſanna*, being his only Child, I bequeath my

Engliſh Weeds paſted on Royal Paper.
With my large Folio of *Indian* Cabbage.

Item, To my learned and worthy Friend Dr. *Johannes Elſcrickius*, Profeſſor in Anatomy, and my Aſſociate in the Studies of Nature, as an eternal Monument of my Affection and Friendſhip for him, I bequeath

My Rat's Teſticles, and
Whale's Pizzle,

To him and his Iſſue Male; and in Default of ſuch Iſſue in the ſaid Dr. *Elſcrickius*, then to return to my Executor and his Heirs for ever.

Having fully provided for my Nephew *Iſaac*, by making over to him ſome Years ſince

A Horned *Scarabæus*,
The Skin of a Rattle-Snake, and
The Mummy of an *Egyptian* King,

I make no further Proviſion for him in this my Will.

My eldeſt Son *John* having ſpoken diſreſpectfully of his little Siſter whom I keep by me in Spirits of Wine, and in many other Inſtances behaved himſelf undutifully towards me, I do diſinherit and wholly cut off from any Part of this my Perſonal Eſtate, by giving him a Single Cockle-Shell.

To my Second Son *Charles* I give and bequeath all my Flowers, Plants, Minerals, Moſſes, Shells, Pebbles, Foſſils, Beetles, Butterflies, Caterpillars, Graſhoppers, and Vermin, not above ſpecified: As alſo all my Monſters, both wet and dry, making the ſaid *Charles* whole and ſole Executor of this my Laſt Will and Teſtament; he paying, or cauſing to be paid, the aforeſaid Legacies within the Space of Six Months after my Deceaſe. And I do hereby revoke all other Wills whatſoever by me formerly made.

ADVERTISEMENT.

Whereas an ignorant Upſtart in Aſtrology has publickly endeavoured to perſwade the World that he is the late John Partridge, *who died the 28th of* March, 1708; *Theſe are to certifie all whom it may concern, That the true* John Partridge *was not only dead at that Time, but continues ſo to this preſent Day.*

Beware of Counterfeits, for ſuch are Abroad.

Advertiſements.

Morning-Gowns for Men and Women, of Silk, Stuffs, and Callicoes (being the Goods of Perſons that failed) which were to be diſpoſed of at the Olive-Tree and Still, are now to be ſold at the Golden Sugar Loaf up one Pair of Stairs, over againſt the Horſe at Charing-Croſs; with a freſh Parcel at very low Rates, the Price being ſet on each Gown.

*** **Next Monday will be publiſhed for the Month of** Auguſt, Bibliotheca Anatomica, Medica, Chirurgica, &c. containing a Deſcription of all the ſeveral Parts of the Body, each done by one or more eminent Phyſician or Chirurgeon, with their Diſeaſes and Cures. Illuſtrated with ſeveral Hundred Figures, done by the beſt Artiſts, and from the trueſt Deſigns. Publiſh'd Monthly. This Tenth for Auguſt, 1710. continues the Cures of the Diſeaſes of the Bones; Verduin's new Method of Amputation, with 7 Copper Figures; and Dion of Amputation, and extracting Bullets, &c. with Two Cuts. Printed by John Nutt in the Savoy, and ſold by J. Morphew near Stationers-Hall. Where may be had the preceding 9 Months. Pr. 1 s. each. Note, Atlas Geographus to perfect all Europe (except Great Britain and Ireland) will be finiſhed in about Two Months. Compleat Sets may be had to this Time; and all Subſcribers are deſired to ſend in their Names, that they may be printed before the Firſt Vol.

TWenty Freehold Tenements to be ſold, lying in Wapping, and a Brew-houſe and Dwelling-houſe, with all Brewing Utenſils, in a good Place for Trade, in Penningtonſtreet near Ratcliff Highway, to be lett, or the Leaſe (being about 30 Years to come) to be ſold; and a new Brick Houſe, with a Cow-houſe, Stable, and Home-ſtall, with other Ground or without, lying in Mile-End Old Town, to be lett; and a Horſe-Mill, and other Materials for Old Spaniſh, to be ſold. Enquire at the Union Coffee-houſe at King Edward's Stairs in Wapping.

IGnis Veneris: A Preparation of the Sulphur of Cop- per, ſo much recommended by thoſe famous Philoſophers, Paracelſus and Van Helmont, and ſo often attempted in vain by modern Chymiſts, is now ſold at Van Helmont's Head in Fetter-Lane, London, by E. Edwards, Chymiſt, at 10 s. per Bottle. It alters and changes the Juices, reſtores the Conſumptive, eaſes Pains in any Part of the Body, ſtops Fluxes and Vomitings, is good in faint Sweats, Swoonings, and Sickneſs at Heart, rekindles and invigorates the natural Heat, removes all Weakneſſes and Indiſpoſitions; and in a Word, anſwers all the Deſigns of the moſt celebrated Diet-Drinks, and is in a true Senſe the greateſt Cordial. Doſe 50 or 60 Drops in a Glaſs of Canary, White-Wine, Mead, Whey, or Liquorice-Tea, once or twice a Day. Note, when you take it ſhake the Bottle, that you may have a due Proportion of the Sulphur. To prevent Imitation, 'tis ſealed with the Author's Seal, who beareth Party per Bend, Ermin and Erminois, a Lyon Rampant; his Creſt a Man's Head out of a Helmet.

WHereas J. Moore, Apothecary, at the Peſtle and Mortar in Abchurch-lane, London, having had ſome extraordinary Buſineſs, which call'd me into the Country for theſe five or ſix Weeks laſt paſt, and finding I have been very much wanted in my Abſence, by the Multitude of People which came to enquire for me; theſe are to inform them, that I am return'd, and am to be conſulted with at my Houſe as formerly.

A Parcel of extraordnary heavy Plate, and other valuable Goods, to be diſpoſed of by Way of Lots, (at 5 s. each Ticket, but 11 Blanks to a Prize, the higheſt Prize a Cabinet of 60 l. Value, and the loweſt 20 s.) by Mrs. Symond's in Exeter Change Court in the Strand, where the Goods are to be ſeen, and Tickets taken out; and alſo at Mr. Lillie's, Perfumer, the Corner of Beaufort-Buildings; Mrs. Page, Milliner, in Kingſtreet, Weſtminſter; and Mr. Skinman's, a Diſtiller, againſt the Half-Moon and Seven Stars in St. James's Market. The Time (and Place) of drawing, which will be ſoon, to be adverti'd in this Paper.

THree hundred Pounds for Half a Crown, and 330 l. for Half a Crown; or Propoſals for Sale of Two new Brick Houſes in Theobald's-Court in Lambs-Conduit-Fields, in 2 Lots, and a great Quantity of Plate and Rings, with a Gold and Silver Watch, all new and faſhionable, amounting to the Sum of 1224 l. 15 s. at 2 s. 6 d. per Ticket. 12 Blanks to a Prize, the loweſt Prize 12 s. 6 d. To be drawn by Two Pariſh-Boys out of Two Wheels, at the School over Hungerford-Market, on Michaelmas-day next. Tickets to be deliver'd, and Security given, by Mr. Roberts at the Black-Horſe and Dolphin in Maxfield-ſtreet, Mr. Wilſon, Linendraper, in Goſwell-ſtreet; Mr. Spencer at the Golden Sugar-Loaf in St. Thomas's-ſtreet, and at Mr. Day's in Parker's-Lane. Note, The Houſes have 50 Years to come in the Leaſes, at a Pepper Corn a Year, and inſured from Fire in the Hand and Hand Office.

BEing removed from Mr. Cuthbert's, Scrivener, a Sale of fine Brocaded Silks in the Piece, and others made up in Furbelow Scarfs and Aprons: Alſo a Pair of Silver Fruit-Diſhes finely poliſhed, a Silver Bohea-Pot, Lamp, and Stand, a Pair of Salvers, Tankard, Canifters, Porringers, and other Things, too long to be mentioned, to be diſpoſed of by Way of Lots, at 2 s. 6 d. each Ticket. The Goods to be ſeen, and Tickets to be had, at the Golden Sugar-Loaf againſt the Horſe at Charing-Croſs, at Young-Man's Coffee-houſe, at Will's Coffee-houſe at Scorland-yard-gate, at Mr. Cuney's, Silverſmith, at the Three Crowns in Panton-ſtreet, at Mr. Lillie's the Corner of Beaufort-Buildings in the Strand; at Mr. Archer's, Bookſeller, next to the Crown and Cuſhion Tavern in Ruſſel-ſtreet, Covent-Garden; and Salter's Coffee-houſe at Chelſea.

MR. Stockton's Sale of Jewels, Plate, &c. being near full. Notice is hereby given, That Tickets are to be had at 2 s. each at the ſaid Mr. Stockton's, at the Bell in Henrietta-ſtreet, Covent-Garden; at Mr. Amſon's, a Goldſmith, at the Ring near Salisbury-Court, Fleetſtreet; at Mrs. Fowks's, a Milliner, next Door to the Rummer Tavern at Charing-Croſs; and at Mr. Marriot's, a Shoemaker, at the White Hart in the Poultry. There are but 12 Blanks to a Prize, 500 Prizes, and the higheſt Prize 100 l. Note, 'tis to be drawn by Wheels and Pariſh Boys, and is the faireſt and moſt advantagious Propoſal of this kind ever publiſh'd.

THeſe are to give Notice, That Mrs. Wilſon's Sale of Plate, a Diamond Ring, fine Lace, and other valuable Goods, in Leadenhall Market, will be drawn at the Blue-Poſt Tavern in Limeſtreet on the 25th of September next, or ſooner if full. Tickets to be had at Mr. White's at the Hand and Crown in St. Paul's Church-yard; at Mrs. Goodall's, a Powder-Shop, at the Swan in Cornhil; at the Hamburg Coffee-houſe in Birchin-lane, and at the Places aforeſaid, at 1 s. each, being 8 Blanks to a Prize.